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SUBJECT: TEXTILES

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1. IN 1977 THE FRENCH TEXTILE AND CLOTHING TRADE
BALANCE IMPROVED SIGNIFICANTLY COMPARED WITH 1976.
THE TRADE DEFICIT ON TEXTILE GOODS (READY-TO-WEAR
CLOTHING NOT INCLUDED) DECREASED FROM ONE BILLION
FRANCS IN 1976 TO 240 MILLION FRANCS IN 1977.
THE TRADE SURPLUS ON READY-TO-WEAR CLOTHING INCREASED
FROM 1 BILLION FRANCS IN 1976 TO 1.2 BILLION FRANCS
IN 1977. THUS, THE TEXTILE AND CLOTHING TRADE BALANCE,
WHICH WAS CLOSE TO ZERO IN 1976, WAS IN SURPLUS BY ONE
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BILLION FRANCS IN 1977.

2. THE MAJOR REASONS BEHIND THIS IMPROVEMENT WERE:
-- GENERALLY DEPRESSED CONSUMER DEMAND FOR
TEXTILES, WHICH HAD A DECELERATING EFFECT
ON IMPORTS ;

-- THE SPECIAL EFFORTS BY FRENCH TEXTILE
COMPANIES TO IMPROVE THEIR EXPORT MARKET
SHARES IN VIEW OF WEAK DOMESTIC DEMAND ;

-- THE GOF AND EEC IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON
SPECIFIC TEXTILE ITEMS FROM LOW WAGE
COUNTRIES ; AND

-- THE RELATIVE DEPRECIATION OF THE FRENCH
FRANC WHICH INCREASED THE COMPETITIVENESS
OF FRENCH PRODUCTS.

3.

TOTAL FRENCH IMPORTS AND EXPORTS
OF TEXTILE AND CLOTHING
IN BILLION FRANCS
EXPORTS IMPORTS
1976 1977 PERCENT 1976 1977 PERCENT

A. SEMI

ELABORATED-

FIBERS 1.89 1.98 4.6 1.02 0.91 -10.1

B. YARNS 3.18 3.73 17.3 2.30 2.35 2.4

C. FABRICS 3.42 4.17 22.0 4.43 5.09 15.0

D. KNITWEAR 4.59 5.28 15.0 6.33 7.04 11.2

E. TEXTILES

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GOODS, CLOTHINGS

NOT INCLUDED

(A PLUS B PLUS

C PLUS D) 13.08 15.16 15.9 14.08 15.39 9.4

F. CLOTHING 3.41 4.28 25.5 2.44 3.01 23.2

G. TOTAL 16.49 19.44 17.9 16.52 18.40 11.5

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